

THE NEWS OF TWO CAPITALS

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buildings on an extensive scale against the risks of war, and it is rumored that the Barnato interests are protected in the same way. Mining shares are down, but a quick and decisive rally will follow a declaration of war. The damages to the shafts and surface property will be slight in comparison with the advantage derived from having the Transvaal a British colony, with the enormous taxation of the gold industry removed, and that is what the outbreak of hostilities will imply.

The West End is beginning to pull up shutters and the clubs are filling up for the winter. Piccadilly is again crowded, but there are fewer omnibuses than are usually seen. This is because the Government needs horses for shipment to South Africa, and has made large requisitions upon the omnibus lines. The best horses will be sent to the seat of war, and the drivers will have to do what they can with broken-down backs. The theatres are now drawing crowded houses, as the nights are delightfully cool.

Mr. Tree's production of "King John" is a Shakespearean revival that deserves high praise. It is splendidly staged and well acted throughout and is even more satisfactory than "Julius Caesar." Mr. Tree and Mr. Waller are both strong as King John and the Bastard, and Miss Julia Neilson makes a beautiful if too vehement Constance, but the acting which moves the audience is done by a remarkable child, Master Charles Setton, as Prince Arthur. Franklin McLeay as Hubert also acts with fine realism and true feeling. The tableaux and stage effects of this play are among the best ever witnessed in London.

Mr. Farnell's Japanese romance, "The Moonlight Blossom," at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, is a dramatic nondescript which puzzles the critics and delights the audience. It is at once melodrama, burlesque and romantic idyll, with text alternately poetic and puerile, and a plot that lacks transparency and dramatic coherence. The play cannot be described as a study of Japanese manners, but it has the charm of novelty and distinct foreign atmosphere. Mr. Farnell-Robertson has little work in this play worthy of his fine powers as an actor. Mrs. Campbell appears in three Japanese costumes, looks very handsome, dances gracefully and charms the audience. Miss Eleanor Calhoun is the only player who seems thoroughly at ease in Japanese masquerade and acts with power and charm. Mr. James Welsh and Mr. Bromley Davy supply the comic element in large measure, and convert a tender idyll into a screaming farce.

Mr. Charles Frohman will present "My Daughter-in-Law" at the Criterion Theatre next week.

The Arts and Crafts Society will have the earliest art show of the season at the New Gallery in the course of a fortnight. One room will be exclusively taken up with an exhibition of various works by William Morris. This will be the chief feature of an interesting exhibition teeming with original suggestions.

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Mr. Stephen Phillips's tragedy in blank verse, "Pao and Francesca," will be published soon by John Lane, with the consent of Mr. George Alexander, who will produce it at the St. James's Theatre. A series of short poems by the same author on Dreyfus will also be put between covers. Mr. Lane is also undertaking a series of pocket volumes, each of which will contain a single famous poem, and cost a shilling.

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PARIS.

DISCUSSION OF DE GALLIFET'S PROCLAMATION TO THE ARMY.

REACTIONARIES CALL IT A PROOF OF CARNET DISSENTION—PREPARING FOR ARMY REFORMS.

TRY CARE TO THE THIEF!

Paris, Sept. 23.—General De Gallifet's proclamation, read yesterday to every company, squadron and battery in the French army, continues to be the leading topic of discussion. It has been seized upon by the clerical reactionary and anti-Semitic press as a proof that there is dissension in the Cabinet, and that the head of the army sanctions the conduct of the Mercier, Roget and the former chiefs of the General Staff. For instance, M. Paul de Cassagnac in today's "Aurore" declares that "officers of the French army would be pawns to them by the Jewish cosmopolitan press." And the republic gains ground in every regiment. The moment has now come when swords are about to fly unbound from their scabbards. General De Gallifet is aware of this, and has hastened the outbreak; but the ditch is now dug between the army and the republic, which the army will never cross except as Caesar crossed the Rubicon."

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A SWINDLER FROM ABROAD.

CAPTAIN MCCLUSKY GETS TRACK OF A MAN WANTED HERE AND IN EUROPE.

Captain McClosky, chief of the Detective Bureau last night gave out a statement concerning a supposed international criminal. Captain McClosky called attention to the fact that, while he did not connect the two, the name of the supposed international character was the same as that of the swindler merchant who is to marry an American woman writer of Louisville and Chicago.

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"This man, of whom I had received complaints, had presented a draft to the American Express Company for \$2,000, to be collected in Bombay, India. This draft is now en route to Bombay. I do not know whether he obtained any money on it."

"On September 3 this man went to Ottawa, Canada, and from there to Chicago, where he was arrested. This afternoon I received a telegram from the Ottawa authorities, as follows: 'We have ordered the arrest in Chicago. Will you take him and save requisition?' I replied as follows: 'Our case incomplete, the picture I received with the letter from Hamburg to Bruges, and he identified it as the man who had swindled him.'

SUFFERING IN MONTSEERRAT.

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE AFTER THE HURRICANE.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 22.—Plymouth, capital of the Island of Montserrat, reports the destruction by fire of many buildings which had escaped the recent hurricane, and most of the remaining ruins, greatly intensifying the distress of the populace, which is growing demoralized over the tardy and inadequate relief. The laborers refuse to unload the relief cargoes unless paid double wages. At Antigua, one hundred inhabitants are widely applying for immediate and substantial relief. The recent hurricane having destroyed all the provisions and wrecked the ships and habitations, and the sea having washed into the wells and rain cisterns.

PASSENGERS FOR NEW-YORK.

Southampton, Sept. 23.—Among the passengers on board the American Line steamer New-York, leaving this port to-day for New-York, will be Rear Admiral J. G. Walker, U. S. N. (retired), and Captain Watkins, formerly commander of the American Line steamer Paris. Captain "Ben" Parker, skipper of Emperor William's yacht Meteor, is also a passenger on the New-York.

ALL THIS PROVES THAT General De Gallifet, fortunately for France, is master of the situation. While making full allowance for the feelings of the Dreyfus partisans, due to the iniquitous Rennes verdict, any impartial American viewing events here in Paris, and in a land where vestiges of medieval fanaticism and of Jacobin fury still survive, would feel convinced that General De Gallifet's proclamation was dictated by the purest patriotism and a determination to do what is best for the interests of the whole country. It was from a soldier to soldiers—not intended to exert any influence outside the limits of the army. It does not place any obstacle in the way of legal measures which Dreyfus may take to efface the Rennes condemnation.

Such an assured by persons who stand in close relations to President Loubet and to General De Gallifet is the key to the present

situation. It must also be noted that General De Gallifet is preparing the way for long-needed reforms in the army, especially by lowering the age of retirement, thereby rejuvenating its generals and colonels, who are older and more infirm than those of similar grades in any other army in Europe. The reforms General De Gallifet has in view make it necessary that the baneful Dreyfus incidents and all traces of discord should be banished from the army. As a guarantee of the War Minister's honesty of purpose it may be mentioned that he has conferred upon Major Hartmann, who at the Rennes court martial gave such irrefutable technical evidence in favor of Dreyfus, the confidential post of sub-director of the Government artillery factory at Puteaux. General De Gallifet has in the next few days to select men to fill three highly important military positions, namely, Chief of Staff of the Army, vacated by the death of General Brault; the command of the Nineteenth Army Corps in Algeria, and of the Sixteenth Army Corps at Bordeaux.

The steamer New-York sailed from Cherbourg to-day with three hundred and fifty saloon passengers, of whom one hundred and thirty were from Paris. The list includes Admiral Walker, Colonel Holmes, Mr. W. H. Burr, Mr. Alfred Noyes, all of the Isthmian Canal Commission; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths Ames and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Biddle and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bonamy, Miss Mary Bryant, General Sir Andrew Clark, the Hon. J. A. Cockburn, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. George Chase, Mrs. William Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eliot, Professor W. S. Forbush, Professor James Hartness, Mrs. George L. Kingsland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kane, the Rev. H. H. and Mrs. McKinney, the Rev. F. E. Mortimer, Mrs. T. L. Park, Miss Park, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powell, Count and Countess Herman de Pourtales, Miss Olga Nethersole, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Paterson and family, Mr. W. B. Reeves, Miss Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riglander, Mr. R. Stuyvesant, Sir Horace and Lady Tozer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Lucia Wilmerding and family, Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. James Willis and Mr. Joseph R. Wallace.

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Among the passengers on the Auguste Victoria are Mrs. Wanamaker, Miss Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Breckinridge, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Saxe, Colonel S. P. Colt, Mrs. D. Kinney, Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick and Miss Eliza Webb.

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